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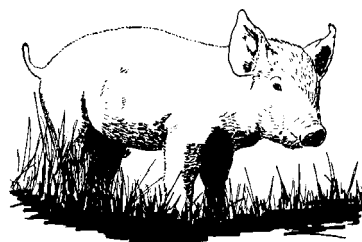
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The inventory of all hogs and pigs in Maryland was estimated at 45,000 head for December 1, 2002. This is down 13% from 2001. The drop occurred in hogs being raised for market, which declined from 45,000 hogs in 2001 to 38,000 hogs in 2002. The breeding inventory of 7,000 head remained unchanged from 2001. The number of operations with hogs in Maryland fell from 520 to 510 hog operations.



**Hogs and Pigs, December 1, 2001 and 2002**

Item	DELAWARE		MARYLAND		UNITED STATES	
			<i>Thousand Head</i>			
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
<b>Breeding Inventory</b>	5	5	7	7	6,209	6,012
<b>Market-Under 60 lbs</b>	8	6	14	10	19,908	19,461
<b>60-119 lbs</b>	6	4	7	7	12,924	12,919
<b>120-179 lbs</b>	3	4	12	9	10,744	10,736
<b>180 lbs &amp; over</b>	4	4	12	12	10,018	9,815
<b>Total Market</b>	21	18	45	38	53,594	52,931
<b>Total All Hogs</b>	26	22	52	45	59,804	58,943
<i>Actual Numbers</i>						
<b>No. Of Hog Operations<sup>1</sup></b>	130	130	520	510	80,880	75,350

<sup>1</sup> An operation is any place having one or more head of hogs and pigs on hand at any time during the year.

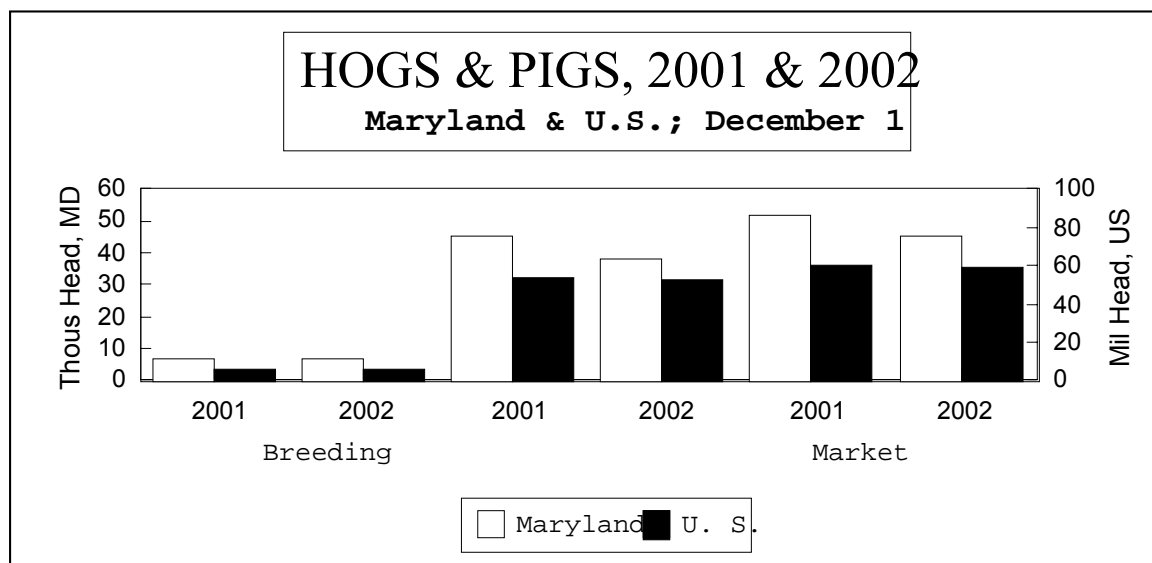
## U.S. HOG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2002, was 58.9 million head. This was 1 percent below December 1, 2001, and 2 percent below September 1, 2002. Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was down 3 percent from December 1, 2001, and down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 52.9 million head, was 1 percent below last year and 2 percent below last quarter. The September-November 2002 U.S. pig crop, at 24.9 million head, was 2 percent less than 2001 and 1 percent less than 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.82 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter of 8.83 pigs saved per litter for the September-November 2002 period, compared to 8.82 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs. U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.81 million sows farrow during the December 2002 -

February 2003 quarter, 1 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2002, and 2 percent above 2001. Intended farrowings for March-May 2003, at 2.85 million sows, are 3 percent above the same period in 2002 and 1 percent below 2001. The number of hog operations with hogs totaled 75,350 during 2002 during 2002, down 7 percent from last year and 13 percent below 2000. Places with 2,000 or more hogs on hand accounted for 10 percent of the operations and 75 percent of the inventory. This is the first time operations with inventories over 2,000 head have controlled over 75 percent or more of the total inventory. The number of operations with over 5,000 head of inventory at, 2,258, accounted for 53.0 percent of the total inventory, up from 52.0 percent a year ago. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by these over 5,000 head operations, but raised by contractees, accounted for 33 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from last year.

Sows Farrowed, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop United States 2001-2002						
United States	Sows		Pigs Per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2001 <i>Thousand Head</i>	2002	2001 <i>Number</i>	2002	2001 <i>Thousand Head</i>	2002
<b>December -February <sup>1</sup></b>	2,748	2,836	8.72	8.74	23,963	24,794
<b>March - May</b>	2,870	2,943	8.89	8.82	25,509	25,959
<b>June - August</b>	2,878	2,833	8.87	8.87	25,539	25,114
<b>September - November</b>	2,889	2,817	8.82	8.83	25,492	24,892

<sup>1</sup> December preceding year.



## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Prices received for the month of December were down from the previous month for all crops except for barley. The barley price was up eleven cents to a price of \$1.71 per bushel. The wheat price decreased by twenty-five cents to \$3.41 per bushel. Soybeans moved down seven cents per bushel from last month's price of \$5.78 and corn was down six cents to \$2.19

per bushel. On the other hand livestock prices appeared to be mixed. Calf prices were up \$9.60 to \$86.60 per cwt but beef cattle had a \$1.50 decrease to \$62.90 per cwt. Hog prices decreased to \$33.00 per cwt.

Commodity	Unit	Maryland and Delaware			United States			Parity Price
		DEC 2001	NOV 2002	DEC 2002	DEC 2001	NOV 2002	DEC 2002 <sup>1</sup>	
		Dollars						
Wheat, Winter	BU	2.64	3.66	3.41	2.78	4.16	3.83	9.67
Corn	BU	2.19	2.85	2.81	1.98	2.27	2.29	6.55
Barley	BU	1.42	1.60	1.71	2.21	2.79	2.85	6.43
Soybeans	BU	4.09	5.78	5.71	4.20	5.46	5.48	14.30
All Hay, Baled	TON	141.00	154.00	176.00	95.60	93.60	92.60	-----
All Beef Cattle	CWT	62.90	64.40	62.90	64.80	67.60	70.20	160.00
Calves	CWT	86.60	77.00	86.60	101.00	88.20	93.60	212.00
Hogs	CWT	33.80	28.70	33.00	33.30	27.80	30.00	103.00
Milk, Fluid MKT	CWT	16.30	N/A	N/A	13.50	11.90	11.90	33.20
Chickens <sup>1</sup>	LB	0.085	.086	.082	-----	-----	-----	-----
Broilers	LB	0.325	.555	.565	0.370	0.290	0.290	-----
Turkeys, Live	LB	----	----	----	0.387	0.395	0.384	0.972
Eggs, Market	DOZ	0.502	.623	.581	0.410	0.563	0.519	1.56

<sup>1</sup> Mid-Month Forecast, Entire Month Price.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED			
INDEX AND RATIOS	UNITED STATES 1990 - 92 =100		
	DEC 2001	NOV 2002*	DEC 2002
All Farm Products	93	*98	97
All Crops	90	104	102
Feed Grain & Hay	92	*103	105
Oil- Bearing Crops	78	*97	98
Fruits & Nuts	91	114	95
All Livestock and Livestock Products	96	*90	91
Meat Animals	85	*85	88
Dairy Products	103	90	91
Poultry and Eggs	109	98	96
Ratio 1/	76	78	78
Prices Paid Index	122	125	125

\*Revised

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

Maryland laying flocks produced 79 million eggs during November 2002 of which 76 million were table eggs and 3 million were hatching eggs. The average rate of lay was 79.1%. The average number of layers on hand

during November 2002 was 3,285,000. On December 1, 2002, no layers were being forced molted and 51.0% of all layers in Maryland had been through a molt.

Eggs and Layers: November 2001-2002			
Item	2001	2002	2002/2001
<b>Eggs Produced During November</b>	<i>-----Million-----</i>		<i>Percent</i>
U.S.	7,191	7,246	101
Maryland	78	79	113
<b>Layers, Average Number During November</b>	<i>-----Thousand-----</i>		
U.S.	377,915	338,593	90
Maryland	3,236	3,285	102
<b>Eggs / 100 Layers During November</b>	<i>-----Number-----</i>		
U.S.	2,128	2,140	101
Maryland	2,410	2,405	100

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